Composition analysis and nuclearization stance profiling of members of the Assembly of Experts, the Expediency Discernment Council, and the Interim Leadership Council.

If we readers want to understand the decision-making going on behind the scenes as to who will be the successor to the martyred Ayatullah Sayyed Ali Khamene'i, and how it may affect Iran's decision to adopt nuclear weapons, we must first understand some of the most important decision-making bodies in the Islamic Republic– the Assembly of Experts which deliberates on the appointment of Ayatullah Sayyed Khamene'i's successor, the Interim Leadership Council, which handles the duties of national governance and leadership while the Assembly of Experts deliberates, and the Expediency Discernment Council, which configures the Interim Leadership Council. With the help of some probabilistic analysis based on the ideological backgrounds of members of the Assembly of Experts, the Expediency Discernment Council, and the Interim Leadership Council, as well as some psychological profiles and simple deductions and inferences about each member's voting history, we may be able to come to a more complete picture of the possible candidates for the successor to the martyred Ayatullah Khamene'i. This analysis is not exhaustive of course, as it was constrained by time expectations. Ultimately what we are seeking is a candidate who will enable the nuclearization of the Islamic Republic, so that it may possess a deterrent to future aggression and a cornerstone to a favorable foreign policy future in West Asia.

Assembly of Experts

Firstly, the chairman of the Assembly of Experts is conservative and principlist Ayatullah Mohammad-Ali Movahedi Kermani. His first deputy is principlist Ayatullah Hashem Hossein Bushehri, and the second deputy is Ayatullah Alireza Arafi. We will now present a brief laying-out of the members of the Assembly of Experts, and their backgrounds.

PROVINCE-BY-PROVINCE ANALYSIS

Alborz (2 seats)

Hossein Radaei, Alborz, Pragmatic Principlist, Nuclearization stance likelihood: 35% probability based on expediency council membership (non-member), interim council composition (no representation), Geiger counter analysis (war pressure increases baseline), ideological background (studied under Javadi Amoli, traditional seminary, not ultra-hardline)

Mohammad Reza Fallah Tafti, Alborz, Hardline Principlist, Nuclearization stance likelihood: 65% probability based on expediency council membership (non-member), interim council composition (no representation), Geiger counter analysis (war pressure increases baseline), ideological background (Supreme National Defense University, Khatam al-Awsiya Headquarters, IRGC institutional ties)

Ardabil (2 seats)

Seyed Hassan Ameli, Ardabil, Ultra-Hardline, Nuclearization stance likelihood: 85% probability based on expediency council membership (non-member), interim council composition (no representation), Geiger counter analysis (war pressure increases baseline), ideological background (called for joining Karabakh war, inflammatory Friday statements)

Yadollah Safari, Ardabil, Hardline Principlist, Nuclearization stance likelihood: 60% probability based on expediency council membership (non-member), interim council composition (no representation), Geiger counter analysis (war pressure increases baseline), ideological background (26 years Friday prayer leader, studied under Makarem Shirazi)

Bushehr (1 seat)

Hashem Hosseini Bushehri, Bushehr, Hardline Principlist, Nuclearization stance likelihood: 65% probability based on expediency council membership (non-member), interim council composition (no representation), Geiger counter analysis (war pressure increases baseline), ideological background (Qom Friday prayer leader, Assembly Strategic Think Room, studied under Golpaygani, Fazel Lankarani, Makarem Shirazi)

Chaharmahal and Bakhtiari (1 seat)

Abdullah Keyvani Hafeshjani, Chaharmahal and Bakhtiari, Pragmatic Principlist, Nuclearization stance likelihood: 40% probability based on expediency council membership (non-member), interim council composition (no representation), Geiger counter analysis (war pressure increases baseline), ideological background (PhD in Islamic mysticism, studied under Javadi Amoli, academic bent)

East Azerbaijan (5 seats, 1 vacant)

Ali Malakouti, East Azerbaijan, Hardline Principlist, Nuclearization stance likelihood: 60% probability based on expediency council membership (non-member), interim council composition (no representation), Geiger counter analysis (war pressure increases baseline), ideological background (veteran member 5th/6th terms, establishment figure)

Javad Hajizadeh Koljahi, East Azerbaijan, Hardline Principlist, Nuclearization stance likelihood: 65% probability based on expediency council membership (non-member), interim council composition (no representation), Geiger counter analysis (war pressure increases baseline), ideological background (Friday prayer leader Maragheh, studied under Javadi Amoli, military background Tabriz Air Defense)

Mohammad Taghi Pourmohammadi, East Azerbaijan, Hardline Principlist, Nuclearization stance likelihood: 60% probability based on expediency council membership (non-member), interim council

composition (no representation), Geiger counter analysis (war pressure increases baseline), ideological background (veteran member 4th,5th,6th terms)

Seyyed Baqer Seyyedi Bonabi, East Azerbaijan, Pragmatic Principlist, Nuclearization stance likelihood: 40% probability based on expediency council membership (non-member), interim council composition (no representation), Geiger counter analysis (war pressure increases baseline), ideological background (university lecturer, studied under Sobhani and Javadi Amoli, academic focus)

Fars (5 seats)

Ahmad Beheshti, Fars, Pragmatic Principlist, Nuclearization stance likelihood: 35% probability based on expediency council membership (non-member), interim council composition (no representation), Geiger counter analysis (war pressure increases baseline), ideological background (PhD philosophy, studied under Motahhari, Tabatabai, Khomeini, former parliament, academic)

Ali Akbar Kalantari, Fars, Pragmatic Principlist, Nuclearization stance likelihood: 35% probability based on expediency council membership (non-member), interim council composition (no representation), Geiger counter analysis (war pressure increases baseline), ideological background (university dean, studied under Javadi Amoli, Sobhani, academic publications)

Lotfollah Dezhkam, Fars, Ultra-Hardline, Nuclearization stance likelihood: 90% probability based on expediency council membership (non-member), interim council composition (no representation), Geiger counter analysis (war pressure increases baseline), ideological background (representative of Supreme Leader in Fars, quote: "We will turn the White House into a Husseiniyeh")

Seyyed Alireza Dana, Fars, Pragmatic Principlist, Nuclearization stance likelihood: 40% probability based on expediency council membership (non-member), interim council composition (no representation), Geiger counter analysis (war pressure increases baseline), ideological background (PhD philosophy, studied under Javadi Amoli, international experience India)

Seyyed Mohammad Ali Modarresi Tabatabaei, Fars, Unknown, Nuclearization stance likelihood: 50% probability based on expediency council membership (non-member), interim council composition (no representation), Geiger counter analysis (war pressure increases baseline), ideological background (no data, default to regional baseline)

Gilan (4 seats, 2 unknown)

Ali Kazemi Gilani, Gilan, Hardline Principlist, Nuclearization stance likelihood: 70% probability based on expediency council membership (non-member), interim council composition (no representation), Geiger counter analysis (war pressure increases baseline), ideological background (IRGC promotion department, studied under Fazel Lankarani, Javadi Amoli)

Rasoul Falahati, Gilan, Ultra-Hardline, Nuclearization stance likelihood: 85% probability based on expediency council membership (non-member), interim council composition (no representation), Geiger counter analysis (war pressure increases baseline), ideological background (representative of Supreme Leader in Gilan, quote Feb 2026: "lesson harsher than the 12-day war")

Reza Ramezani Gilani, Gilan, Pragmatic Principlist, Nuclearization stance likelihood: 40% probability based on expediency council membership (non-member), interim council composition (no representation), Geiger counter analysis (war pressure increases baseline), ideological background (international experience Hamburg Vienna, Secretary-General Ahl al-Bayt World Assembly)

Seyed Ali Hosseini Ashkevari, Gilan, Unknown, Nuclearization stance likelihood: 50% probability based on expediency council membership (non-member), interim council composition (no representation), Geiger counter analysis (war pressure increases baseline), ideological background (no data, default to regional baseline)

Golestan (2 seats, both unknown)

Kamal Akhund Gharavi, Golestan, Unknown, Nuclearization stance likelihood: 50% probability based on expediency council membership (non-member), interim council composition (no representation), Geiger counter analysis (war pressure increases baseline), ideological background (no data, default to regional baseline)

Seyed Mohsen Taheri, Golestan, Unknown, Nuclearization stance likelihood: 50% probability based on expediency council membership (non-member), interim council composition (no representation), Geiger counter analysis (war pressure increases baseline), ideological background (no data, default to regional baseline)

Hamadan (2 seats, 1 unknown)

Habibollah Shabani Mouseghi, Hamadan, Unknown, Nuclearization stance likelihood: 50% probability based on expediency council membership (non-member), interim council composition (no representation), Geiger counter analysis (war pressure increases baseline), ideological background (no data, default to regional baseline)

Seyed Mostafa Mousavi Faraz, Hamadan, Hardline Principlist, Nuclearization stance likelihood: 60% probability based on expediency council membership (non-member), interim council composition (no representation), Geiger counter analysis (war pressure increases baseline), ideological background (born 1944, studied under Makarem Shirazi, Golpaygani, Tabrizi, veteran establishment)

Hormozgan (1 seat, unknown)

Mohsen Ebrahimi, Hormozgan, Unknown, Nuclearization stance likelihood: 50% probability based on expediency council membership (non-member), interim council composition (no representation), Geiger counter analysis (war pressure increases baseline), ideological background (no data, default to regional baseline)

Ilam (1 seat, unknown)

Vaed Moradbeigi, Ilam, Unknown, Nuclearization stance likelihood: 50% probability based on expediency council membership (non-member), interim council composition (no representation), Geiger

counter analysis (war pressure increases baseline), ideological background (no data, default to regional baseline)

Isfahan (5 seats)

Morteza Moghtadai, Isfahan, Hardline Principlist, Nuclearization stance likelihood: 60% probability based on expediency council membership (non-member), interim council composition (no representation), Geiger counter analysis (war pressure increases baseline), ideological background (Isfahan delegation typically hardline)

Mustafa Hassanti, Isfahan, Hardline Principlist, Nuclearization stance likelihood: 60% probability based on expediency council membership (non-member), interim council composition (no representation), Geiger counter analysis (war pressure increases baseline), ideological background (Isfahan delegation typically hardline)

Seyed Abolhasan Mahdavi, Isfahan, Hardline Principlist, Nuclearization stance likelihood: 60% probability based on expediency council membership (non-member), interim council composition (no representation), Geiger counter analysis (war pressure increases baseline), ideological background (Isfahan delegation typically hardline)

Seyed Saeed Hosseini, Isfahan, Hardline Principlist, Nuclearization stance likelihood: 60% probability based on expediency council membership (non-member), interim council composition (no representation), Geiger counter analysis (war pressure increases baseline), ideological background (Isfahan delegation typically hardline)

Seyed Yousef Tabatabai Nejad, Isfahan, Hardline Principlist, Nuclearization stance likelihood: 60% probability based on expediency council membership (non-member), interim council composition (no representation), Geiger counter analysis (war pressure increases baseline), ideological background (Isfahan delegation typically hardline)

Kerman (3 seats)

Ahmad Sheikh Baha'i, Kerman, Hardline Principlist, Nuclearization stance likelihood: 60% probability based on expediency council membership (non-member), interim council composition (no representation), Geiger counter analysis (war pressure increases baseline), ideological background (limited data, default to provincial hardline)

Aman-Allah Alimoradi, Kerman, Hardline Principlist, Nuclearization stance likelihood: 60% probability based on expediency council membership (non-member), interim council composition (no representation), Geiger counter analysis (war pressure increases baseline), ideological background (limited data, default to provincial hardline)

Seyed Ahmad Khatami, Kerman, Ultra-Hardline, Nuclearization stance likelihood: 95% probability based on expediency council membership (non-member), interim council composition (no representation), Geiger counter analysis (war pressure increases baseline), ideological background (Tehran Friday prayer leader, Guardian Council member, most hawkish on nuclear)

Kermanshah (2 seats)

Aman Narimani, Kermanshah, Hardline Principlist, Nuclearization stance likelihood: 60% probability based on expediency council membership (non-member), interim council composition (no representation), Geiger counter analysis (war pressure increases baseline), ideological background (limited data, default to provincial hardline)

Mustafa Alema, Kermanshah, Hardline Principlist, Nuclearization stance likelihood: 60% probability based on expediency council membership (non-member), interim council composition (no representation), Geiger counter analysis (war pressure increases baseline), ideological background (limited data, default to provincial hardline)

Khuzestan (6 seats, 1 vacant)

Abbas Ka'bi, Khuzestan, Hardline Principlist, Nuclearization stance likelihood: 60% probability based on expediency council membership (non-member), interim council composition (no representation), Geiger counter analysis (war pressure increases baseline), ideological background (limited data, default to provincial hardline)

Amir Reza Hedaei, Khuzestan, Hardline Principlist, Nuclearization stance likelihood: 60% probability based on expediency council membership (non-member), interim council composition (no representation), Geiger counter analysis (war pressure increases baseline), ideological background (limited data, default to provincial hardline)

Hossein Rafaei, Khuzestan, Hardline Principlist, Nuclearization stance likelihood: 60% probability based on expediency council membership (non-member), interim council composition (no representation), Geiger counter analysis (war pressure increases baseline), ideological background (limited data, default to provincial hardline)

Mohsen Heidari Alekasir, Khuzestan, Hardline Principlist, Nuclearization stance likelihood: 60% probability based on expediency council membership (non-member), interim council composition (no representation), Geiger counter analysis (war pressure increases baseline), ideological background (limited data, default to provincial hardline)

Seyed Abolhassan Hassanzadeh, Khuzestan, Hardline Principlist, Nuclearization stance likelihood: 60% probability based on expediency council membership (non-member), interim council composition (no representation), Geiger counter analysis (war pressure increases baseline), ideological background (limited data, default to provincial hardline)

Kohgiluyeh and Boyer-Ahmad (1 seat)

Seyed Sharaf Aldin Malek Hosseini, Kohgiluyeh and Boyer-Ahmad, Hardline Principlist, Nuclearization stance likelihood: 60% probability based on expediency council membership (non-member), interim council composition (no representation), Geiger counter analysis (war pressure increases baseline), ideological background (limited data, default to provincial hardline)

Kurdistan (2 seats)

Faegh Rostami, Kurdistan, Hardline Principlist, Nuclearization stance likelihood: 60% probability based on expediency council membership (non-member), interim council composition (no representation), Geiger counter analysis (war pressure increases baseline), ideological background (limited data, default to provincial hardline)

Iqbal Bahmani, Kurdistan, Hardline Principlist, Nuclearization stance likelihood: 60% probability based on expediency council membership (non-member), interim council composition (no representation), Geiger counter analysis (war pressure increases baseline), ideological background (limited data, default to provincial hardline)

Lorestan (2 seats)

Ahmad Moballeghi, Lorestan, Hardline Principlist, Nuclearization stance likelihood: 60% probability based on expediency council membership (non-member), interim council composition (no representation), Geiger counter analysis (war pressure increases baseline), ideological background (limited data, default to provincial hardline)

Hashem Niazi, Lorestan, Hardline Principlist, Nuclearization stance likelihood: 60% probability based on expediency council membership (non-member), interim council composition (no representation), Geiger counter analysis (war pressure increases baseline), ideological background (limited data, default to provincial hardline)

Markazi (2 seats)

Ali Abbasi, Markazi, Hardline Principlist, Nuclearization stance likelihood: 60% probability based on expediency council membership (non-member), interim council composition (no representation), Geiger counter analysis (war pressure increases baseline), ideological background (limited data, default to provincial hardline)

Mohsen Araki, Markazi, Hardline Principlist, Nuclearization stance likelihood: 75% probability based on expediency council membership (MEMBER of Expediency Council), interim council composition (no representation), Geiger counter analysis (war pressure increases baseline), ideological background (senior cleric, anti-Western, deep regime ties, top contender)

Mazandaran (4 seats)

Ali Moalemi, Mazandaran, Hardline Principlist, Nuclearization stance likelihood: 60% probability based on expediency council membership (non-member), interim council composition (no representation), Geiger counter analysis (war pressure increases baseline), ideological background (limited data, default to provincial hardline)

Mohammad Baqer Mohammadi Laeini, Mazandaran, Hardline Principlist, Nuclearization stance likelihood: 60% probability based on expediency council membership (non-member), interim council

composition (no representation), Geiger counter analysis (war pressure increases baseline), ideological background (limited data, default to provincial hardline)

Seyed Rahim Tavakol, Mazandaran, Hardline Principlist, Nuclearization stance likelihood: 60% probability based on expediency council membership (non-member), interim council composition (no representation), Geiger counter analysis (war pressure increases baseline), ideological background (limited data, default to provincial hardline)

Seyed Sadegh Pishnamazi, Mazandaran, Hardline Principlist, Nuclearization stance likelihood: 60% probability based on expediency council membership (non-member), interim council composition (no representation), Geiger counter analysis (war pressure increases baseline), ideological background (limited data, default to provincial hardline)

North Khorasan (1 seat)

Gholamreza Fayazi, North Khorasan, Hardline Principlist, Nuclearization stance likelihood: 60% probability based on expediency council membership (non-member), interim council composition (no representation), Geiger counter analysis (war pressure increases baseline), ideological background (limited data, default to provincial hardline)

Qazvin (2 seats)

Ali Eslami, Qazvin, Hardline Principlist, Nuclearization stance likelihood: 60% probability based on expediency council membership (non-member), interim council composition (no representation), Geiger counter analysis (war pressure increases baseline), ideological background (limited data, default to provincial hardline)

Hossein Mozafari, Qazvin, Hardline Principlist, Nuclearization stance likelihood: 60% probability based on expediency council membership (non-member), interim council composition (no representation), Geiger counter analysis (war pressure increases baseline), ideological background (limited data, default to provincial hardline)

Qom (1 seat)

Seyed Mohammad Saeedi, Qom, Ultra-Hardline, Nuclearization stance likelihood: 85% probability based on expediency council membership (non-member), interim council composition (no representation), Geiger counter analysis (war pressure increases baseline), ideological background (representative of Supreme Leader in Qom, controls holy shrines)

Razavi Khorasan (6 seats)

Gholamreza Moghiseh, Razavi Khorasan, Hardline Principlist, Nuclearization stance likelihood: 60% probability based on expediency council membership (non-member), interim council composition (no representation), Geiger counter analysis (war pressure increases baseline), ideological background (limited data, default to provincial hardline)

Hassan Alemi, Razavi Khorasan, Hardline Principlist, Nuclearization stance likelihood: 60% probability based on expediency council membership (non-member), interim council composition (no representation), Geiger counter analysis (war pressure increases baseline), ideological background (limited data, default to provincial hardline)

Seyed Ahmad Alamolhoda, Razavi Khorasan, Ultra-Hardline, Nuclearization stance likelihood: 80% probability based on expediency council membership (non-member), interim council composition (no representation), Geiger counter analysis (war pressure increases baseline), ideological background (Friday prayer leader of Mashhad, close to Khamenei)

Seyed Ahmad Hosseini Khorasani, Razavi Khorasan, Hardline Principlist, Nuclearization stance likelihood: 60% probability based on expediency council membership (non-member), interim council composition (no representation), Geiger counter analysis (war pressure increases baseline), ideological background (limited data, default to provincial hardline)

Seyed Mohammad-Reza Modarresi Yazdi, Razavi Khorasan, Hardline Principlist, Nuclearization stance likelihood: 60% probability based on expediency council membership (non-member), interim council composition (no representation), Geiger counter analysis (war pressure increases baseline), ideological background (limited data, default to provincial hardline)

Seyed Mojtaba Hosseini, Razavi Khorasan, Hardline Principlist, Nuclearization stance likelihood: 60% probability based on expediency council membership (non-member), interim council composition (no representation), Geiger counter analysis (war pressure increases baseline), ideological background (limited data, default to provincial hardline)

Semnan (1 seat)

Mohammad-Mahdi Mirbagheri, Semnan, Hardline Principlist, Nuclearization stance likelihood: 60% probability based on expediency council membership (non-member), interim council composition (no representation), Geiger counter analysis (war pressure increases baseline), ideological background (limited data, default to provincial hardline)

Sistan and Baluchestan (2 seats)

Abdurrahman Arefi, Sistan and Baluchestan, Hardline Principlist, Nuclearization stance likelihood: 60% probability based on expediency council membership (non-member), interim council composition (no representation), Geiger counter analysis (war pressure increases baseline), ideological background (limited data, default to provincial hardline)

Ali Ahmad Salami, Sistan and Baluchestan, Hardline Principlist, Nuclearization stance likelihood: 60% probability based on expediency council membership (non-member), interim council composition (no representation), Geiger counter analysis (war pressure increases baseline), ideological background (limited data, default to provincial hardline)

South Khorasan (1 seat, vacant)

(Seyed Ebrahim Raisi - deceased), South Khorasan, Not applicable, Nuclearization stance likelihood: Not applicable

Tehran (16 seats)

Abdol Javad Ebrahimi Far, Tehran, Hardline Principlist, Nuclearization stance likelihood: 60% probability based on expediency council membership (non-member), interim council composition (no representation), Geiger counter analysis (war pressure increases baseline), ideological background (limited data, default to Tehran hardline baseline)

Alireza Arafi, Tehran, Pragmatic Principlist, Nuclearization stance likelihood: 55% probability based on expediency council membership (non-member but key national figure), interim council composition (MEMBER of Interim Leadership Council), Geiger counter analysis (war pressure increases baseline), ideological background (head of seminaries, Guardian Council member, international experience, potential consensus candidate)

Ahmad Daneshzadeh Momen, Tehran, Hardline Principlist, Nuclearization stance likelihood: 60% probability based on expediency council membership (non-member), interim council composition (no representation), Geiger counter analysis (war pressure increases baseline), ideological background (limited data, default to Tehran hardline baseline)

Ali Momen Poor, Tehran, Hardline Principlist, Nuclearization stance likelihood: 60% probability based on expediency council membership (non-member), interim council composition (no representation), Geiger counter analysis (war pressure increases baseline), ideological background (limited data, default to Tehran hardline baseline)

Gholam Ali Naeimabadi, Tehran, Hardline Principlist, Nuclearization stance likelihood: 60% probability based on expediency council membership (non-member), interim council composition (no representation), Geiger counter analysis (war pressure increases baseline), ideological background (limited data, default to Tehran hardline baseline)

Gholam Ali Safai Bushehri, Tehran, Hardline Principlist, Nuclearization stance likelihood: 65% probability based on expediency council membership (non-member), interim council composition (no representation), Geiger counter analysis (war pressure increases baseline), ideological background (representative of Supreme Leader in Bushehr, traditional establishment)

Gholamreza Mesbahi-Moghaddam, Tehran, Hardline Principlist, Nuclearization stance likelihood: 75% probability based on expediency council membership (MEMBER of Expediency Council), interim council composition (no representation), Geiger counter analysis (war pressure increases baseline), ideological background (Expediency Council, Combatant Clergy spokesperson, studied under Fazel Lankarani, Wahid Khorasani)

Ghorbanali Dorri-Najafabadi, Tehran, Hardline Principlist, Nuclearization stance likelihood: 80% probability based on expediency council membership (MEMBER of Expediency Council), interim council composition (no representation), Geiger counter analysis (war pressure increases baseline), ideological background (former intelligence minister, Expediency Council, security establishment)

Hossein Ali Saadi, Tehran, Hardline Principlist, Nuclearization stance likelihood: 60% probability based on expediency council membership (non-member), interim council composition (no representation), Geiger counter analysis (war pressure increases baseline), ideological background (limited data, default to Tehran hardline baseline)

Mahmoud Rajabi, Tehran, Hardline Principlist, Nuclearization stance likelihood: 60% probability based on expediency council membership (non-member), interim council composition (no representation), Geiger counter analysis (war pressure increases baseline), ideological background (limited data, default to Tehran hardline baseline)

Mohammad Ali Movahedi Kermani, Tehran, Hardline Principlist, Nuclearization stance likelihood: 70% probability based on expediency council membership (non-member but Assembly Chairman), interim council composition (no representation), Geiger counter analysis (war pressure increases baseline), ideological background (Assembly Chairman, Tehran Friday prayer leader, Combatant Clergy leader)

Mohammad Mohammadi Araqi, Tehran, Hardline Principlist, Nuclearization stance likelihood: 60% probability based on expediency council membership (non-member), interim council composition (no representation), Geiger counter analysis (war pressure increases baseline), ideological background (limited data, default to Tehran hardline baseline)

Mohammad Reza Naseri Yazdi, Tehran, Hardline Principlist, Nuclearization stance likelihood: 65% probability based on expediency council membership (non-member), interim council composition (no representation), Geiger counter analysis (war pressure increases baseline), ideological background (representative of Supreme Leader in Yazd, appointed by Khomeini)

Mohsen Qomi, Tehran, Hardline Principlist, Nuclearization stance likelihood: 75% probability based on expediency council membership (non-member but key national figure), interim council composition (no representation but Khamenei's international aide), Geiger counter analysis (war pressure increases baseline), ideological background (Khamenei's international affairs aide, anti-Israel hardliner, deep regime trust)

Saeed Saleh Mirzaei, Tehran, Hardline Principlist, Nuclearization stance likelihood: 60% probability based on expediency council membership (non-member), interim council composition (no representation), Geiger counter analysis (war pressure increases baseline), ideological background (limited data, default to Tehran hardline baseline)

Seyed Mohammad Ali Mousavi Jazayeri, Tehran, Ultra-Hardline, Nuclearization stance likelihood: 85% probability based on expediency council membership (non-member), interim council composition (no representation), Geiger counter analysis (war pressure increases baseline), ideological background (former representative in Khuzestan 36 years, descendent of Nematollah Jazayeri)

West Azerbaijan (3 seats, 1 unknown)

Asgar Dirbaz, West Azerbaijan, Hardline Principlist, Nuclearization stance likelihood: 60% probability based on expediency council membership (non-member), interim council composition (no

representation), Geiger counter analysis (war pressure increases baseline), ideological background (veteran member 4th,5th,6th terms)

Mohammad Hossein Bayati, West Azerbaijan, Unknown, Nuclearization stance likelihood: 50% probability based on expediency council membership (non-member), interim council composition (no representation), Geiger counter analysis (war pressure increases baseline), ideological background (no data, default to regional baseline)

Seyed Ali Akbar Ghoreishi, West Azerbaijan, Hardline Principlist, Nuclearization stance likelihood: 65% probability based on expediency council membership (non-member), interim council composition (no representation), Geiger counter analysis (war pressure increases baseline), ideological background (veteran member 1st-6th terms, born 1928, son is Supreme Leader rep in Urmia)

Yazd (1 seat)

Abolghasem Wafi Yazdi, Yazd, Hardline Principlist, Nuclearization stance likelihood: 65% probability based on expediency council membership (non-member), interim council composition (no representation), Geiger counter analysis (war pressure increases baseline), ideological background (former parliament member, studied under Khomeini, Montazeri, Makarem Shirazi)

Zanjan (1 seat, unknown)

Javad Jaffari, Zanjan, Unknown, Nuclearization stance likelihood: 50% probability based on expediency council membership (non-member), interim council composition (no representation), Geiger counter analysis (war pressure increases baseline), ideological background (no data, default to regional baseline)

Of the 88 members of the Assembly of Experts, approximately 65-70% are principlists/hardliners, 30% are independents/pragmatists, and less than 5% are reformist-aligned. Deducing purely from the tendency of the Assembly of Experts, the likelihood of nuclearization is incredibly high, and the Assembly is less likely to elect a pragmatist candidate who would agree to compromise on Iran's nuclear program and right to weaponization on grounds of self-defense. Here are the following candidates that are most likely to vote for nuclearization, and thus, appoint someone whom they believe can adequately defend the country with nuclearization.

Ultra-Hardliners (Most Likely to Authorize Nuclear Weapons)

Name	Province	Reason
Seyed Ahmad Khatami	Kerman	Tehran Friday prayer leader, Guardian Council
Lotfollah Dezhkam	Fars	Representative of Supreme Leader; inflammatory anti-US rhetoric

Rasoul Falahati	Gilan	Representative of Supreme Leader; explicitly threatened "harsher than 12-day war"
Seyed Mohammad Saeedi	Qom	Representative of Supreme Leader in Qom
Seyed Ahmad Alamolhoda	Razavi Khorasan	Friday prayer leader of Mashhad
Seyed Mohammad Ali Mousavi Jazayeri	Khuzestan	36-year representative of Supreme Leader
Seyed Hassan Ameli	Ardabil	Called for joining Karabakh war; inflammatory Friday sermons

Following this composition analysis, these are the candidates whom we believe are most likely to be appointed by the Assembly of Experts. Note that this is not yet the *absolute* prediction for successor to Ayatullah Sayyed Ali Khamene'i.

Top Contenders for Rahbar-e-Mu'azzam

Candidate	Stance	Nuclear Probability
Mohsen Araki	Hardline Principlist	70-80%
Seyed Ahmad Khatami	Ultra-Hardline	90%
Ghorbanali Dorri-Najafabadi	Hardline Principlist	70-80%
Alireza Arafi	Pragmatic Principlist	40-50%
Mohsen Qomi	Hardline Principlist	70-80%
Mohammad Ali Movahedi Kermani	Hardline Principlist	60-70%

Expediency Discernment Council and Interim Leadership Council

Sadeq Larijani, Expediency Discernment Council Chairman, former Chief Justice, Guardian Council member, brother of Ali Larijani, Ultra-Hardline, Nuclearization stance likelihood: 95% probability based on expediency council leadership position, interim council composition (brother Ali is de facto leader), ideological background (hardline cleric, human rights abuses, sanctioned by EU and US, potential Supreme Leader candidate)

Mohammad Bagher Zolghadr, Expediency Discernment Council Secretary, former IRGC commander, former Deputy Interior Minister for Security Affairs under Ahmadinejad, former deputy Judiciary chief,

Hardline Principlist, Nuclearization stance likelihood: 80% probability based on expediency council secretariat role, ideological background (IRGC founding member, Mansouroun group, Ansar-e Hezbollah founder, security apparatus insider)

Gholam Reza Aghazadeh, Expediency Discernment Council member, former Head of Atomic Energy Organization (1997-2009), former Oil Minister, Pragmatic Principlist, Nuclearization stance likelihood: 45% probability based on expediency council membership, ideological background (technocrat, Executives of Construction Party, resigned as nuclear chief 2009 amid Stuxnet, insider knowledge of nuclear program vulnerabilities)

Ali Agha-Mohammadi, Expediency Discernment Council member, former Deputy Vice President for Economic Affairs, former parliament member, Hardline Principlist, Nuclearization stance likelihood: 65% probability based on expediency council membership, ideological background (longtime regime insider, economic policy background, advocated for "halal internet")

Ali Akbar Ahmadian, Expediency Discernment Council member, former Secretary of Supreme National Security Council (2023-2025), former IRGC Navy commander, Commodore rank, Hardline Principlist, Nuclearization stance likelihood: 80% probability based on expediency council membership, ideological background (IRGC senior leadership, national security apparatus insider, military perspective on deterrence)

Mahmoud Ahmadinejad, Expediency Discernment Council member, former President of Iran (2005-2013), Hardline Principlist, Nuclearization stance likelihood: 75% probability based on expediency council membership, ideological background (populist hardline, expanded nuclear program during presidency, confrontational stance with West, but pragmatic about survival)

Mohsen Araki, Expediency Discernment Council member, senior cleric, former head of Ahl al-Bayt University, Hardline Principlist, Nuclearization stance likelihood: 85% probability based on expediency council membership, ideological background (senior cleric, anti-Western, deep regime ties, also Assembly of Experts member from Markazi)

Majid Ansari, Expediency Discernment Council member, Vice President for Legal Affairs under Pezeshkian and Rouhani, former parliament member, Association of Combatant Clerics, Pragmatic Principlist leaning Reformist, Nuclearization stance likelihood: 35% probability based on expediency council membership, ideological background (reformist-aligned, long parliamentary career, legal focus)

Mohammad-Reza Bahonar, Expediency Discernment Council member, former First Deputy Speaker of Parliament, Islamic Society of Engineers leader, Hardline Principlist, Nuclearization stance likelihood: 70% probability based on expediency council membership, ideological background (28-year parliament veteran, principlist stalwart, brother of assassinated PM Mohammad-Javad Bahonar)

Davoud Danesh-Jafari, Expediency Discernment Council member, former Minister of Economic Affairs under Ahmadinejad, former parliament member, Society of Devotees of the Islamic Revolution, Hardline Principlist, Nuclearization stance likelihood: 65% probability based on expediency council membership, ideological background (combat engineer in Iran-Iraq War, Fath Medal recipient, economic focus, but war veteran perspective)

Ghorbanali Dorri-Najafabadi, Expediency Discernment Council member, former Intelligence Minister under Khatami, former Attorney-General, Hardline Principlist, Nuclearization stance likelihood: 80% probability based on expediency council membership, ideological background (intelligence apparatus insider, security establishment, advocate of compulsory hijab, also Assembly of Experts member from Tehran)

Gholam-Ali Haddad-Adel, Expediency Discernment Council member, former Parliament Speaker, former member Guardian Council, Hardline Principlist, Nuclearization stance likelihood: 70% probability based on expediency council membership, ideological background (longtime establishment figure, close to Supreme Leader, academic background in philosophy)

Mohammad-Javad Iravani, Expediency Discernment Council member, economist, former head of Execution of Imam Khomeini's Order (EIKO) predecessor to Mokhber, Hardline Principlist, Nuclearization stance likelihood: 70% probability based on expediency council membership, ideological background (economic management, foundation leadership, regime insider)

Saeed Jalili, Expediency Discernment Council member, former nuclear negotiator, former Secretary of Supreme National Security Council, Hardline Principlist, Nuclearization stance likelihood: 85% probability based on expediency council membership, ideological background (direct nuclear file experience, hardline negotiator, "resistance economy" advocate, presidential candidate)

Kamal Kharazi, Expediency Discernment Council member, former Foreign Minister under Khatami, former UN Ambassador, Reformist, Nuclearization stance likelihood: 30% probability based on expediency council membership, ideological background (reformist diplomat, international experience, Chairman of Strategic Council on Foreign Relations, advisor to Supreme Leader)

Mohsen Rezaee, Expediency Discernment Council member, former IRGC Commander-in-Chief (1981-1997), former Secretary of Expediency Council, former presidential candidate, Hardline Principlist, Nuclearization stance likelihood: 80% probability based on expediency council membership, ideological background (IRGC founder generation, Iran-Iraq War commander, military-industrial perspective, Interpol wanted for AMIA bombing)

Mohammad Sadr, Expediency Discernment Council member, former parliament member, former Deputy Foreign Minister, Pragmatic Principlist, Nuclearization stance likelihood: 55% probability based on expediency council membership, ideological background (diplomatic experience, Sadr family connections)

Hossein Saffar Harandi, Expediency Discernment Council member, former Minister of Culture under Ahmadinejad, former IRGC brigadier general, Hardline Principlist, Nuclearization stance likelihood: 75% probability based on expediency council membership, ideological background (IRGC background, culture ministry focused on combating Western influence, Front of Islamic Revolution Stability)

Mohammad Reza Aref, Expediency Discernment Council member, current First Vice President under Pezeshkian, former First Vice President under Khatami, Reformist, Nuclearization stance likelihood: 25% probability based on expediency council membership, ideological background (reformist leader, academic, Stanford PhD, engineering background, withdrew from 2013 election for reformist unity)

Mohammad Forouzandeh, Expediency Discernment Council member, former Minister of Defence under Rafsanjani, former head of Mostazafan Foundation, former IRGC chief of staff, Hardline Principlist, Nuclearization stance likelihood: 75% probability based on expediency council membership, ideological background (IRGC founding generation, defense ministry experience, bonyad leadership)

Abbas-Ali Kadkhodaei, Expediency Discernment Council member, former spokesperson of Guardian Council, former professor of law, Hardline Principlist, Nuclearization stance likelihood: 70% probability based on expediency council membership, ideological background (Guardian Council insider, legal expertise, regime legitimacy guardian)

Ali Larijani, Expediency Discernment Council member, current Secretary of Supreme National Security Council, former Parliament Speaker, former nuclear negotiator, former IRGC brigadier general, Pragmatic Principlist, Nuclearization stance likelihood: 60% probability based on expediency council membership, interim council composition (de facto leader), ideological background (brother of Sadeq, son-in-law of Motahhari, nuclear negotiator experience, Kant scholar, pragmatic conservative, stated March 2025: "if attacked, no choice but nuclearization")

Hossein Mohammadi, Expediency Discernment Council member, information missing, Unknown, Nuclearization stance likelihood: 50% probability based on expediency council membership, ideological background (no data, default to institutional baseline)

Mahmoud Mohammadi Araghi, Expediency Discernment Council member, information missing, Unknown, Nuclearization stance likelihood: 50% probability based on expediency council membership, ideological background (no data, default to institutional baseline)

Mohammad Mokhber, Expediency Discernment Council member, former Acting President (2024), former First Vice President under Raisi, former head of Execution of Imam Khomeini's Order (EIKO), Principlist, Nuclearization stance likelihood: 65% probability based on expediency council membership, ideological background (IRGC medical corps veteran, vast economic holdings through EIKO, sanctioned by US and EU, corruption allegations, pragmatic about regime survival)

Gholamreza Mesbahi-Moghaddam, Expediency Discernment Council member, former parliament member, Combatant Clergy Association spokesperson, Hardline Principlist, Nuclearization stance likelihood: 75% probability based on expediency council membership, ideological background (studied under Fazel Lankarani, Wahid Khorasani, economics background, also Assembly of Experts member from Tehran)

Hossein Mozaffar, Expediency Discernment Council member, former Minister of Education under Khatami, former parliament member, Society of Pathseekers of the Islamic Revolution, Pragmatic Principlist, Nuclearization stance likelihood: 50% probability based on expediency council membership, ideological background (served in both reformist and principlist contexts, education background)

Mostafa Mir-Salim, Expediency Discernment Council member, former Minister of Culture under Rafsanjani, former advisor to President Khamenei, Islamic Coalition Party, Hardline Principlist, Nuclearization stance likelihood: 70% probability based on expediency council membership, ideological

background (engineer, French-educated, longtime regime insider, police chief post-revolution, conservative cultural policy)

Morteza Nabavi, Expediency Discernment Council member, former Minister of Post under Bahonar, Mousavi, former parliament member, Islamic Society of Engineers, Hardline Principlist, Nuclearization stance likelihood: 70% probability based on expediency council membership, ideological background (1980s cabinet member, Resalat newspaper editor, post-election 2009 criticized Ahmadinejad crackdown on conservatives)

Ali Akbar Velayati, Expediency Discernment Council member, former Foreign Minister (1981-1997), senior advisor to Supreme Leader, Islamic Coalition Party, Hardline Principlist, Nuclearization stance likelihood: 75% probability based on expediency council membership, ideological background (longest-serving Foreign Minister, physician, Johns Hopkins fellow, Interpol wanted for AMIA bombing, international affairs advisor to Khamenei, 2013 presidential candidate)

Sadegh Vaez-Zadeh, Expediency Discernment Council member, information missing, Unknown, Nuclearization stance likelihood: 50% probability based on expediency council membership, ideological background (no data, default to institutional baseline)

Ahmad Vahidi, Expediency Discernment Council member, former Minister of Defence under Ahmadinejad (2009-2013), former IRGC commander, Hardline Principlist, Nuclearization stance likelihood: 80% probability based on expediency council membership, ideological background (IRGC senior leadership, defense minister during nuclear program expansion, Interpol wanted for 1994 AMIA bombing)

Hassan Sane'i, Expediency Discernment Council member (deceased until 2023), Not applicable, Nuclearization stance likelihood: Not applicable

Parviz Davoodi, Expediency Discernment Council member (deceased until 2024), Not applicable, Nuclearization stance likelihood: Not applicable

Ahmad Tavakkoli, Expediency Discernment Council member (deceased until 2025), Not applicable, Nuclearization stance likelihood: Not applicable

Ali Shamkhani, Expediency Discernment Council member (deceased until 2026), Not applicable, Nuclearization stance likelihood: Not applicable

Name	Role	Stance	Nuclear Probability	Why They Matter	Leverage
Ali Larijani	Secretary of SNSC, Expediency Council member, de facto leader	Pragmatic Principlist	60% (but stated "if attacked, no choice but nuclearization")	Controls the transition process. Access to Khamenei's inner circle. Trusted by IRGC. Brother of Sadeq.	Can delay or accelerate the succession. Controls information flow. Has the ear of every faction. His March 2025 statement is the nuclear trigger.

Name	Role	Stance	Nuclear Probability	Why They Matter	Leverage
Alireza Arafi	Interim Council member, Guardian Council, Assembly of Experts (Tehran)	Pragmatic Principlist	55%	The clerical representative on the council. Head of seminaries. Potential consensus candidate.	Controls religious legitimacy. Can shape the narrative. His vote in the Assembly carries weight.
Gholam-Hossein Mohseni-Eje'i	Interim Council member, Chief Justice	Ultra-Hard line	85%	Top judicial authority. Harsh sentencing record. Human rights abuser. Potential Supreme Leader candidate.	Commands the judiciary. Can pressure Assembly members through legal means. IRGC-aligned.
Masoud Pezeshkian	Interim Council member, President	Reformist	25%	Elected president. Reformist figurehead. Limited power in succession.	Symbolic role. Can appeal to public and international opinion, but little influence on hardline clerics.

Name	Province	Stance	Nuclear Probability	Why They Matter	Leverage
Mohammad Ali Movahedi Kermani	Tehran	Hardline Principlist	70%	Current Assembly Chairman. Tehran Friday prayer leader. Combatant Clergy leader.	Controls Assembly proceedings. Sets agenda. Influences debate.
Seyed Ahmad Khatami	Kerman	Ultra-Hard line	95%	Tehran Friday prayer leader. Guardian Council member. Most hawkish on nuclear.	Direct line to Guardian Council. Commands hardline bloc. Can rally ultra-conservatives.
Mohsen Araki	Markazi	Hardline Principlist	85%	Senior cleric. Expediency Council member. Anti-Western.	Deep regime ties. Respected in Qom. Can bridge clerical and security factions.
Ghorbanali Dorri-Najafabadi	Tehran	Hardline Principlist	80%	Former intelligence minister. Expediency Council member. Security establishment.	Intelligence community connections. Knows where bodies are buried. Can pressure through security apparatus.
Gholamreza Mesbahi-Moghaddam	Tehran	Hardline Principlist	75%	Expediency Council member. Combatant Clergy spokesperson.	Economics background. Principlist loyalist. Influences economic hardliners.
Mohsen Qomi	Tehran	Hardline Principlist	75%	Khamenei's international affairs aide. Anti-Israel hardliner. Deep regime trust.	Represents Supreme Leader's office. International perspective. Can frame nuclear decision in geopolitical terms.

Seyed Ahmad Alamolhoda	Razavi Khorasan	Ultra-Hard line	80%	Friday prayer leader of Mashhad. Close to Khamenei.	Commands religious authority in Iran's second city. Influences northeastern clerics.
Lotfollah Dezhkam	Fars	Ultra-Hard line	90%	Representative of Supreme Leader in Fars. Inflammatory anti-US rhetoric.	Direct Khamenei appointee. Commands southern region. Can mobilize hardline base.
Rasoul Falahati	Gilan	Ultra-Hard line	85%	Representative of Supreme Leader in Gilan. Threatened "harsher than 12-day war."	Khamenei appointee. Northern influence. Vocal on retaliation.
Seyed Mohammad Saeedi	Qom	Ultra-Hard line	85%	Representative of Supreme Leader in Qom. Controls holy shrines.	Gatekeeper of Qom's religious establishment. Influences seminary opinion.

Name	**Role**	**Stance**	**Nuclear Probability**	**Why They Matter**	**Leverage**
Mohammad Bagher Zolghadr	Expediency Council Secretary	Hardline Principlist	80%	Former IRGC commander. Security apparatus insider.	Represents IRGC interests in Expediency Council. Can deliver security establishment's preference.
Ali Akbar Ahmadian	Expediency Council member	Hardline Principlist	80%	Former SNSC secretary. Former IRGC Navy commander.	Military perspective on deterrence. National security insider.

Mohsen Rezaee	Expediency Council member	Hardline Principlist	80%	Former IRGC Commander-in-Chief. Iran-Iraq War commander.	IRGC founder generation. Respected by old guard. Military-industrial complex ties.
Ahmad Vahidi	Expediency Council member	Hardline Principlist	80%	Former Defence Minister. IRGC commander. Interpol wanted.	Defense establishment perspective. Nuclear program oversight experience.

Power Center	Weight in Succession	Nuclear Stance (Avg Probability)	Influence on Final Decision
Ali Larijani (Gatekeeper)	90%	60% (but trigger statement)	Can accelerate or delay. His word carries immense weight.
Interim Council	80%	55% (Arafi) + 85% (Mohseni-Eje'i) = 70% avg	Can set agenda. Mohseni-Eje'i pushes hardline.
Assembly Hardliners	70%	80-95%	Will vote for nuclearization if war continues.
IRGC/Security	85%	80%	Will demand nuclear deterrent.
Reformist/Pragmatist	30%	25-45%	Will argue for caution, but outnumbered.

Absolute Predictions

Based on the comprehensive analysis of the Assembly of Experts, the Expediency Discernment Council, and the Interim Leadership Council, here are the most likely successors to Ayatullah Sayyed Ali Khamene'i, ranked by their probability of being "our guy"—a hardline, pro-nuclear candidate who will authorize the weaponization program as a strategic deterrent.

THE TOP CONTENDERS FOR RAHBAR-E-MU'AZZAM

1. Ayatullah Seyed Ahmad Khatami (Ultra-Hardline — 95% Nuclear Probability)

Profile	Details
Current Roles	Tehran Friday Prayer Leader, Guardian Council Member, Assembly of Experts (Kerman)
Why He's "Our Guy"	Most hawkish on nuclear. Commands the hardline bloc. Direct line to Guardian Council. Inflammatory anti-Western rhetoric. Can rally ultra-conservatives instantly.
Path to Power	The hardline establishment's dream candidate. Would consolidate the security apparatus and clerical right.

2. Ayatullah Mohsen Araki (Hardline Principlist — 85% Nuclear Probability)

Profile	Details
Current Roles	Assembly of Experts (Markazi), Expediency Council Member, Senior Cleric
Why He's "Our Guy"	Deep regime ties. Respected in Qom. Anti-Western. Can bridge clerical and security factions. Expediency Council membership gives him national influence.
Path to Power	Consensus candidate who satisfies both hardliners and pragmatists. Would maintain revolutionary ideology while projecting stability.

3. Ayatullah Ghorbanali Dorri-Najafabadi (Hardline Principlist — 80% Nuclear Probability)

Profile	Details
Current Roles	Assembly of Experts (Tehran), Expediency Council Member, Former Intelligence Minister
Why He's "Our Guy"	Security establishment insider. Intelligence community connections. Knows where bodies are buried. Advocate of compulsory hijab and regime purity.
Path to Power	The security apparatus would trust him implicitly. His intelligence background ensures he understands the nuclear deterrent's value.

4. Hujjat al-Islam Mohsen Qomi (Hardline Principlist — 75% Nuclear Probability)

Profile	Details
Current Roles	Assembly of Experts (Tehran), Khamenei's International Affairs Aide
Why He's "Our Guy"	Deep government trust. Anti-Zionist hardliner. International perspective. Can frame nuclear decision geopolitically. Represents Supreme Leader's office.
Path to Power	The diplomat-hardliner. Would present nuclearization as a strategic imperative to the international community.

5. Ayatullah Mohammad Ali Movahedi Kermani (Hardline Principlist — 70% Nuclear Probability)

Profile	Details
Current Roles	Assembly Chairman, Tehran Friday Prayer Leader, Combatant Clergy Leader
Why He's "Our Guy"	Controls Assembly proceedings. Sets the agenda. Can influence debate. Established principlist leader.
Path to Power	As chairman, he could maneuver himself into position. Less aggressive than Khatami but reliably hardline.

6. Ayatullah Sadeq Larijani (Ultra-Hardline — 95% Nuclear Probability)

Profile	Details
Current Roles	Expediency Council Chairman, Former Chief Justice, Guardian Council
Why He's "Our Guy"	Brother of Ali Larijani. Hardline cleric. Sanctioned by EU/US for human rights abuses. Potential Supreme Leader candidate from the Larijani dynasty.
Path to Power	If the Larijani network consolidates, he could emerge. His brother Ali controls the transition. Family ties to power.

7. Ayatullah Alireza Arafi (Pragmatic Principlist — 55% Nuclear Probability)

Profile	Details
Current Roles	Interim Council Member, Guardian Council, Assembly of Experts (Tehran), Head of Seminaries
Why He's "Our Guy"?	The pragmatist. International experience. Consensus candidate. Could be swayed by war pressures.
Path to Power	If the Assembly wants a unifying figure, Arafi is the choice. His nuclear stance is conditional—he would assess the strategic environment.

THE OUTSIDE CONTENDERS

Name	Stance	Nuclear Probability	Why They're Unlikely
Gholam-Hossein Mohseni-Eje'i	Ultra-Hardline	85%	Interim Council member, but Chief Justice role limits his appeal; seen as enforcer, not leader
Seyed Ahmad Alamolhoda	Ultra-Hardline	80%	Regional figure (Mashhad); lacks national network
Lotfollah Dezhkam	Ultra-Hardline	90%	Regional (Fars); inflammatory but not a national player
Mohammad Bagher Zolghadr	Hardline	80%	Security insider but not a cleric—cannot be Rahbar

Who Will Be Elected?

Candidate	"Our Guy" Rating (1-10)	Nuclear Probability
Seyed Ahmad Khatami	10/10	95%
Mohsen Araki	9/10	85%
Sadeq Larijani	9/10	95%
Ghorbanali Dorri-Najafabadi	8/10	80%

Mohsen Qomi	8/10	75%
Mohammad Ali Movahedi Kermani	7/10	70%
Alireza Arafi	5/10	55%

Candidate	Hardline Cred	Clerical Rank	Institutional Power	IRGC Trust	Overall Likelihood for Election
Khatami	10/10	9/10	9/10	10/10	**85%**
Araki	9/10	9/10	8/10	8/10	**75%**
S. Larijani	9/10	9/10	9/10	7/10	**55%**
Dorri-Najafabadi	8/10	7/10	8/10	9/10	**50%**
Arafi	5/10	8/10	7/10	5/10	**25%**
Qomi	7/10	6/10	6/10	8/10	**20%**
Movahedi Kermani	7/10	8/10	8/10	6/10	**20%**